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On Independence Day

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From the Chair

Whenever I think about Independence Day, I reflect on how fortunate I am to have been born in the United States. Compared with much of human history and certainly the rest of the world today, we live in a land of increasing opportunity and relative freedom. We've all heard stories of people who came to this country with nothing and made better lives for themselves and their children. They are the living testament proving that if you're motivated



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and self-disciplined you can be successful, in spite of the government. Those who complain about what we have today need to undertake an honest study of history and the assorted regimes from around the world. People who howl about how a lack of freedom is the reason why they don't succeed in life are, in reality, seeking to rationalize their lack of ingenuity. A similar mindset permeates minority communities concerning alleged institutional racism, and women who subscribe to theories of glass ceilings.

Yes, there are those in government who may, through their misguided policies, slow down the ascent of Man, but they will never stop it. As Libertarians, we need to articulate a different vision. No longer should we emphasize the evils of government; the pessimism and sour disposition will not inspire people. Instead, focus on the benefits of Liberty; optimism is what will win over America and increase the net amount of freedom.

Because of individual liberty and free enterprise, we have longer life expectancies, higher incomes, better health care, lower infant mortality, and higher rates of literacy. Diseases such as tuberculosis, polio, typhoid, and whooping cough, commonplace a hundred years ago, are today either non-existent or very rare. The tycoons and royalty of yesteryear never had access to cheap power, instant communications, efficient transportation, personal computers, vaccines, microwave ovens, air conditioning, indoor plumbing, and hot & cold running water. Or permanent press pants. The list goes on and on. All these achievements occurred in spite of the burden of government.

I've stopped telling people that the Libertarian Party wants a free country; instead I say we want a freer country. More freedom will hasten the accomplishments that a free market and individual liberty can bring. A freer country will expand the number of people coming out of poverty, create a cleaner environment, make war less likely through free trade, lengthen life spans, improve health, increase leisure, and make the pursuit of happiness an ever-easier endeavor.

We already have a bright future. The "poor" of future generations will live better lives than today's billionaires, and have options that not even Bill Gates has today. A world whose guiding principles are inspired by the love of liberty will quickly bring to people the benefits locked away in the distant future. At its heart, libertarianism is more than freedom; it is optimism about what human ingenuity can achieve.

We need to let America know this.

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"A right of free correspondence between citizen and citizen on their joint interests, whether public or private and under whatsoever laws these interests arise (to wit: of the State, of Congress, of France, Spain, or Turkey), is a natural right; it is not the gift of any municipal law, either of England, or Virginia, or of Congress, but in common with all other natural rights, it is one of the objects for the protection of which society is formed and municipal laws established."
—Thomas Jefferson to James Monroe, 1797

There Ought to be a Freedom

By Mari Werner

Imagine a world where there are laws against eating too many sweets, standing on the top step of the ladder or failing to show up for your doctor appointment. If you want to change your job or residence, you have to hire a lawyer to fill out and file the sheaf of forms required.

Imagine a world where



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every murder or assault trial requires years of litigation just to determine the charges. There's a different law for every location, weapon and motivation. (Was it motivated by hate, gender, race, greed, stupidity, or some other syndromes or state of mind?) Imagine a world where whole sections of large cities have been devoted just to housing the law library.

How far is this world from the one you live in? Congress has been averaging about 235 new laws per year, and the California state legislature passed close to 1000 laws last year alone. Has there ever been a session of congress or any state legislature that ended with fewer laws on the books than there were at the beginning? Where is this leading?

Our legislatures are passing laws on top of the laws that are already there just to make political points. The California legislature recently passed a law against attacking and threatening abortion clinics. Didn't we already have laws against assault and harassment? How many laws do we need to cover a single act?

Have we become such a race of cowards and whiners that we need laws to protect us from phone solicitors, laws to dictate how people can talk to us, and police involved in every corner of

our lives? It seems government is being looked to as the solver of every problem. And of course, government's problem-solving tool is law. As the saying goes, to a man whose only tool is a hammer, every problem is a nail.

No amount of laws and police protection is going to make life perfect, trouble free and pain free. It's life. We have to work at it. Granted, we need government and we need laws, and as a society changes it may need more or different laws. But hasn't this gotten out of hand? More laws are not the answer to every problem. Maybe people are the answer.

I have flown back and forth across the country since September, and without any great fear of hijacking. My absence of fear doesn't come from knowing that my blunt-ended nail file has been confiscated.

What makes me feel safer is knowing that my fellow passengers know what happened in September and want to make sure it doesn't happen again. How many people in this country haven't thought through, what would I do if...?

The deranged man who rushed the cockpit of an airliner shortly after the September 11 attacks was subdued by passengers. So was the guy with the shoe bombs.

Our real security lies not with more laws and security regulations, but with us. Our protection is our knowledge, our skill, our caring about one another and our willingness to act. The laws that we think we need to restrain other people are restricting and diminishing our own responsibility and power.

How often do our legislative bodies, either at the federal or state level, do spring cleaning and repeal laws that are clogging our lives and creating legal quagmires? Suppose we start basing our judgement of legislators not on the laws they vote in but on the ones they repeal.

Ask yourself whose permission you have to get, what forms you have to fill out, and what intrusions you have to tolerate just to live your life as a peaceful productive citizen. Instead of telling our representatives there ought to be a law, let's tell them there ought to be a freedom.

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All You Want To Know

By David Molony

Each Libertarian member brings unique opinions, viewpoints and beliefs to the party. Believe it or not, we do not all march lock-step.

One single unifying vision of the party is *caring*. Caring about each of our world and our fellow citizens



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— each individual — with all our diversities.

Libertarians care

Pro-Environment. Libertarians are the ultimate environmentalists. Government land tracts can be (and are) the most polluted. Private ownership generally insures land receives proper care for future generations.

Pro-Education. Private schools and homeschool achievement proves we need more private schools. *All* families in *all* economic groups must demand educational excellence.

Pro-Charity. The Libertarian Party understands Americans are the most charitable people on earth. Reduce taxes to individuals so we can be even more charitable.

Pro-Volunteering. Linked to charity is America's propensity to volunteer. Even with the outrageous high tax rate of 50%, Americans volunteer vast amounts of time.

Pro-Inalienable Rights. The majority does **not** rule. A majority cannot limit speech, the press, or religion. Or a majority can't vote in sla-

very. Inalienable rights are not subject voting. See the Declaration of Independence and Constitution for further reference.

Pro- 'Greater Good.' The greater good is based on the individual. The **greatest good** occurs when every person has maximum freedom and minimum interference. Government's main function — protect **individual** freedoms from force and fraud from others.

Pro-you. In the era of huge government, the government desperately wants to classify everyone as a part of a group, and enforce "group rights", at the expense of individuals. Libertarians care about each individual — you, your brother, sister, your parents.

My View

It is my privilege to meet Libertarians across California. Libertarians are the most generous and caring people I've ever met. We work hard for *everyone's* freedom, not just on our own groups' interests. We spend monster time, concern and money for everyone's freedom. Only when everyone else has freedom, only *then* will we have *our* freedom. Because it's one in the same.

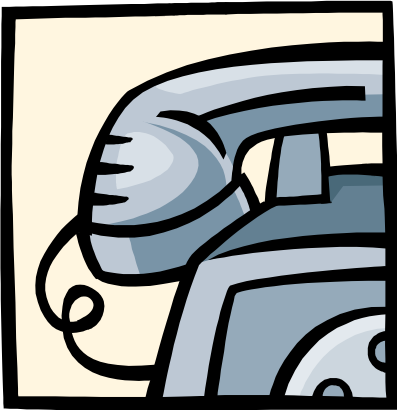
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Volunteers contributed 58 hours this month. Thank you Paula Kaylan, Philip Heath, Wilma Bennett, Rodger Rosie, Malcolm Davidson, Gary Davis, Rebecca Salzman, and Serena Malone.

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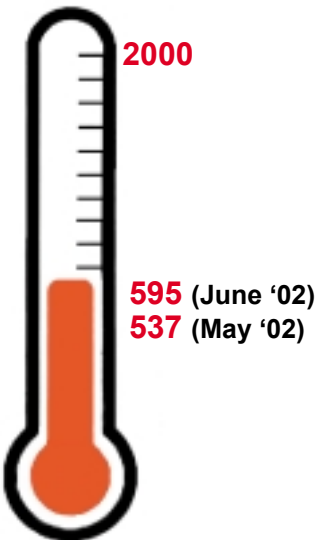
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The idea is quite unfounded that on entering into society we give up any natural right.
—Thomas Jefferson to Francis Gilmer, 1816.

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Thoughts

What is true of every member of the society, individually, is true of them all collectively; since the rights of the whole can be no more than the sum of the rights of the individuals.”
—Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, 1789.

The Declaration of Independence... [is the] declaratory charter of our rights, and of the rights of man.
—Thomas Jefferson to Samuel Adams Wells, 1819. ME 15:200

Some other natural rights... [have] not yet entered into any declaration of rights.
—Thomas Jefferson to John W. Eppes, 1813. ME 13:272